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New TRICARE Benefits for Activated Reserve Component Members and Their Families

TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Prime Remote (TPR) benefits are now available for Reserve Component family members if their sponsor is on federal active duty orders for more than 30 days. Previously, Reserve Component members had to be on active duty orders for more than 179 days before family members were eligible for TRICARE Prime.

This policy change includes Reserve Component members who are already deployed to Europe, Africa, or the Middle East on orders for more than 30 days. Family members of these individuals may now enroll in TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members (TPRADFM), even though their sponsor is already deployed. *(Note: "TRICARE Europe Prime Remote" and "TPRADFM" in CONUS are distinct, separate programs)*

Guard and Reserve family members who reside with their sponsors in a CONUS Prime location at the time of the sponsor's activation can now enroll in TRICARE Prime if their sponsor is called to active duty for more than 30 days.

Guard and Reserve family members who reside with their sponsors in a CONUS TRICARE Prime Remote location at the time of the sponsor's activation can now enroll in the TPRADFM program if their sponsor is called to active duty for more than 30 days.

For family members to be eligible to enroll in the stateside TPRADFM program, the following conditions must be met:

- The Service member must be activated on federal orders for more than 30 days.
- Family members resided with the Service member prior to the member's activation in a TRICARE Prime Remote designated zip code.
- The family continues to reside at this residence while the Service member is deployed.

Family members may check the CONUS TRICARE Prime Remote Web site at www.TRICARE.osd.mil/remote and type in their CONUS zip code or call their regional Beneficiary Information Line (contact numbers available at www.TRICARE.osd.mil) to determine if a location is in a stateside Prime Remote area.

Guard and Reserve family members who choose not to enroll in either the TRICARE Prime or TPRADFM program may still use their TRICARE Standard and Extra benefits, with applicable cost shares and deductibles.

To ensure proper enrollment and avoid claim problems, Guard and Reserve sponsors need to verify that DEERS information for themselves and their family members is accurate and up-to-date. DEERS information may be verified or updated by contacting or visiting the nearest uniformed services personnel office. Beneficiaries may also contact the DEERS office at 1-800-538-9552 (this is not toll-free overseas), or visit www.TRICARE.osd.mil/DEERSAddress/.

Eligible family members may contact the nearest TRICARE Health Services Region or visit their local TRICARE Service Center for enrollment information. Contact numbers are available at www.TRICARE.osd.mil/beneficiary/.

Updates regarding benefits for members of the Guard and Reserve and their family members are available on the TRICARE Europe web site at www.europe.TRICARE.osd.mil/benefit/reserve_ng.asp.

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